

(2) any date scheduled by the transferring court for the dismissal of the suit under Section 263.401; and

(3) the name and contact information of each attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem appointed in the suit.

(e) The court to which a suit is transferred may retain an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem appointed by the transferring court. If the court finds that the appointment of a new attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem is appropriate, the court shall appoint that attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem before the earlier of:

(1) the 10th day after the date of receiving the order of transfer; or

(2) the date of the first scheduled hearing after the transfer.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an order of transfer rendered in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship on or after the effective date of this Act. An order of transfer in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship rendered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was rendered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 28, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 15, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 28, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR STATE FACILITIES

CHAPTER 212

S.B. No. 2004

AN ACT

relating to deferred maintenance funding for state facilities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. (a) The Joint Oversight Committee on Government Facilities is created to review deferred maintenance plans and receive implementation updates.

(b) The committee is composed of six members as follows:

(1) three members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The committee chair shall alternate annually between a member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor and a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker, beginning with a member of the senate.

(d) If this Act takes effect immediately, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall make appointments to the committee not later than July 1, 2015. If this Act takes effect September 1, 2015, the lieutenant governor and speaker shall make appointments to the committee not later than September 15, 2015.

(e) The committee shall biannually provide a written status report to the legislature that includes the amount of money expended from the deferred maintenance fund, the deferred maintenance projects to be completed through expenditures from the fund, and the status of ongoing and completed projects.

(f) The committee may exercise any powers of a joint committee. The cost of operation of the committee may be borne in the same manner as the cost of a joint committee. The

Texas Legislative Council may provide funding for the operations of the committee. To the extent not inconsistent with this Act, the joint rules adopted by the 84th Legislature for the administration of joint interim legislative study committees apply to the committee.

(g) This section expires and the committee is abolished January 8, 2019.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUND

Sec. 2165.401. PURPOSE; INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that state facilities be brought into a better state of repair to ensure the safety of employees and visitors, the efficiency of building operations, and a long-term reduction in repair costs by addressing deferred maintenance issues. The deferred maintenance fund is created to fund projects for this purpose.

Sec. 2165.402. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "fund" means the deferred maintenance fund.

Sec. 2165.403. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNT. (a) The fund is an account in the general revenue fund.

(b) The fund consists of money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by or at the direction of the legislature.

(c) Section 403.095 does not apply to the fund.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 9, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House on May 14, 2015: Yeas 146, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved May 28, 2015.

Effective May 28, 2015.

COMPENSATION OF COUNTY AUDITORS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES

CHAPTER 213

S.B. No. 871

AN ACT

relating to the compensation of county auditors for certain counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 152.032(d), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor in a county subject to this subsection may be set in an amount that exceeds the limit established by Subsection (a) if the compensation and allowances are approved by the commissioners court of the county. This subsection applies only to:

- (1) a county with a population of more than 108,000 and less than 110,000;
- (2) a county with a population of 120,000 or more, excluding a county subject to Subsection (b);
- (3) a county with a population of more than 1,000 and less than 23,000 that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and